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Suit aims

to stop CIA

book ban

NEW YORK—In what their lawyers called the second Pentagon papers case, the authors and publisher of a forthcoming book about the Central Intelligence Agency filed suit in federal court Tuesday to enjoin the government from deleting roughly 10 per cent of the book's material and to halt

all interference with its publication.

The suit was filed on behalf of Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., publisher of the book and the co-authors, Victor L. Marchetti, a former executive assistant to the CIA's deputy director, and John D. Marks, a former State Department employee.

A previous court ruling on the case in March had led to a CIA review of the unsubmitted manuscript.

Named as defendants in new action were William Colby, director of the CIA, and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, whose department employed Marks.

Floyd Abrams, who was one of the lawyers representing the New York Times in the Pentagon papers case and who now represents Knopf, said previous court rulings on the case in question had been concerned with Marchetti and his alleged obligations under the secrecy provision he signed when he joined the CIA in 1955.

"What is new here is that Knopf has entered the case under the freedom of the press statutes," Abrams said.

The brief notes that on March 29, 1972, Knopf and Marchetti entered into a contract that stipulated Marchetti would write for Knopf about the CIA that would provide the American people with "vital,

and timely" information about the secret agency. Subsequently, Marchetti and Marks agreed that they would write the book jointly.

Last March, a permanent injunction was issued in federal court in Alexandria, Va., forbidding Marchetti's "further breaching" the terms of the CIA's secrecy agreement and from disclosing any classified information relating to intelligence activities.